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Pre-Planned, Predestined

I. The doctrine of predestination – a topic the church has avoided or misunderstood for years.

Romans 8:29 For whom He foreknew, He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren. (NKJV)

A. Fifteen words (at least) reveal the ***doctrine*** of predestination in the New Testament (NKJV):

1. 9.
2. 10.
3. 11.
4. 12.
5. 13.
6. 14.
7. 15.
8.

B. Foreknew - _____

C. A definition of predestined –

D. A predetermined destiny is _____for _____

II. Out of the same _____ as God into the same _____

A. Potential of something is never any greater than the materials out of which it is created

B. Created out of _____in order that He might demonstrate _____ full _____through us

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C. Jesus' life demonstrates _____:

1. He _____ so that _____

2. He _____ so that _____

   a)

      (1)

      (2)

      (3)

3. He _____ so that _____

4. He _____ so that _____

5. He _____ so that _____

6. He _____ so that _____

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7. He _____ so that _____

   a)
   b)
   c)
   d)
   e)

8. He _____ so that _____

9. He _____ so that _____

   a)

   b)

      (1)

      (2)

      (3)

D. A final word about potential:

POTENTIAL IS ONLY WHAT SOMETHING _____

NOT WHAT SOMETHING _____!

III. He chose us in Him

A. The prepositional phrase “in Christ”, “in Him(self)”, or “in Whom” (with reference to Jesus) appears _____ times in the KJV New Testament.

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The prepositional phrase "in Christ", "in Him(self)", or "in Whom" (with reference to Jesus) appears 128 times in the King James version of the New Testament.

A. 77 "in Christ", 73 of which are in Paul's letters

B. 36 "in him" or "in himself"

C. 15 "in whom"

D. Clearly stated benefits for those "in Christ" (50 different things)

1. Redemption – Romans 3:24
2. No condemnation – Romans 8:1
3. Spirit of life – Romans 8:2; 2 Timothy 1:1
4. Love of God – Romans 8:39
5. Truth – Romans 9:1
6. One body – Romans 12:5; Ephesians 1:10
7. Approval – Romans 16:10
8. Sanctification – 1 Corinthians 1:2
9. Wisdom – 1 Corinthians 4:10
10. Spiritual reproduction – 1 Corinthians 4:15
11. Hope – 1 Corinthians 15:19
12. Resurrection life – 1 Corinthians 15:22
13. Established relationships – 2 Corinthians 1:21
14. Triumph – 2 Corinthians 2:14
15. Unveiling of blinded minds – 2 Corinthians 3:14
16. Transformation (new creature) – 2 Corinthians 5:17; Galatians 6:15
17. Reconciliation to God – 2 Corinthians 5:19
18. Simplicity – 2 Corinthians 11:3
19. Liberty – Galatians 2:4
20. Confirmation of the covenant – Galatians 3:17
21. Maturity (children – "huios" – of God) – Galatians 3:26
22. Absolute equality – Galatians 3:28
23. Freedom from the requirements of the law (circumcision) – Galatians 6:15
24. All spiritual blessing – Ephesians 1:3
25. Part of the "gathering" – Ephesians 1:10
26. Power – Ephesians 1:20
27. Seated with Him – Ephesians 2:6
28. Created and ordained to good works – Ephesians 2:10
29. Nearness to God – Ephesians 2:13
30. Partakers of His promise – Ephesians 3:6
31. Eternal purpose – Ephesians 3:11; 2 Timothy 1:9
32. Consolation – Philippians 2:1
33. Comfort – Philippians 2:1
34. Love – Philippians 2:1; 1 Timothy 1:14; 2 Timothy 1:13
35. Fellowship – Philippians 2:1
36. Mercy – Philippians 2:1
37. Humility (His mind) – Philippians 2:5
38. Rejoicing – Philippians 3:3

39. High calling of God – Philippians 3:14
40. Perfection – Colossians 1:28
41. Steadfastness – Colossians 2:5
42. Faith – Acts 24:24; Colossians 2:5; 1 Timothy 1:14; 2 Timothy 1:13; 2 Timothy 3:15
43. Resurrection – 1 Thessalonians 4:16
44. Grace – 2 Timothy 1:9; 2 Timothy 2:1
45. Boldness – 1 Timothy 3:13; Philemon 8
46. Promise of life – 2 Timothy 1:1
47. Salvation – 2 Timothy 2:10; 2 Timothy 3:15
48. Godly living – 2 Timothy 3:12
49. Every good thing – Philemon 6
50. Good conversation – 1 Peter 3:16

E. Other Scripture inferring what *may* be found "in Christ", but not clearly stated. Open to interpretation (5 things)

1. ***You*** – 1 Corinthians 1:30
2. The rejoicing of others as a part of your testimony – 1 Corinthians 15:31
3. Sincerity in testimony, honesty – 2 Corinthians 2:17; 2 Corinthians 12:19
4. Strength to suffer, with the knowledge that your suffering is encouraging others to testify of your faith – Philippians 1:13-14
5. Will of God – 1 Thessalonians 5:18

F. References using the phrase "in Christ" to describe individuals, groups of people, churches, behaviors, greetings, or conditions (17 things)

1. Apostles – Romans 16:7
2. Helpers – Romans 16:3, Romans 16:9
3. Babes – 1 Corinthians 3:1
4. Instructors – 1 Corinthians 4:15
5. "My ways" – 1 Corinthians 4:17
6. Asleep – 1 Corinthians 15:18
7. My love with you – 1 Corinthians 16:24
8. A man – 2 Corinthians 12:2
9. Churches – Galatians 1:22; 1 Thessalonians 2:14
10. The faithful – Ephesians 1:1; Colossians 1:2
11. Those who trust – Ephesians 1:2; Colossians 1:4
12. The saints – Philippians 1:1; Colossians 1:2
13. My bonds – Philippians 1:13
14. Every saint – Philippians 4:21
15. As a validation of truth – 1 Timothy 2:7
16. Fellow prisoner – Philemon 23
17. Peace to you all – 1 Peter 5:14

G. Things revealed by the phrase, "In Him" or "In Himself" (31 things)

1. Mighty works show themselves – Matthew 14:2; Mark 6:14
2. No cause of death – Luke 23:22; Acts 13:28

3. Life – John 1:4; John 5:26
4. Light – John 1:4
5. Eternal life – John 3:15 – 16
6. No unrighteousness – John 7:18
7. Union with God – John 10:38
8. God is glorified – John 13:31 – 32
9. No fault – John 18:38; John 19:4; John 19:6
10. Remission of sins – Acts 10:43
11. We live, move, and have our being – Acts 17:28
12. The trust of the Gentiles – Romans 15:12
13. We are in Him – 1 Corinthians 8:6
14. "Yes" and "Amen" (so be it) to the promises of God – 2 Corinthians 1:19-20
15. Righteousness of God – 2 Corinthians 5:21
16. Weakness – 2 Corinthians 13:4
17. Chosen – Ephesians 1:4
18. Found – Philippians 3:9
19. All fullness – Colossians 1:19
20. Rooted – Colossians 2:7
21. Built up – Colossians 2:7
22. Fullness of the Godhead – Colossians 2:9
23. Completion – Colossians 2:10
24. Our glorification – 2 Thessalonians 1:12
25. No darkness (light) – 1 John 1:5
26. Confidence – 1 John 2:28
27. Righteousness – 1 John 2:28 – 29
28. No shame – 1 John 2:28
29. No sin – 1 John 3:5
30. Confidence for answered prayer – 1 John 5:14
31. Knowledge of His will – Ephesians 1:9

H. Things revealed by the phrase, "In whom" (14 things)

1. Pleasure of God – Matthew 3:17; 12:18; 17:5; Mark 1:11; 2 Peter 1:7
2. Redemption – Ephesians 1:7; Colossians 1:14
3. Inheritance – Ephesians 1:11
4. Predestination – Ephesians 1:11
5. Seal of the Holy Spirit – Ephesians 1:13
6. Joining together – Ephesians 2:21
7. Habitation of God – Ephesians 2:22
8. Boldness – Ephesians 3:12
9. Access (to God) – Ephesians 3:12
10. Confidence – Ephesians 3:12
11. Wisdom – Colossians 2:3
12. Knowledge – Colossians 2:3
13. Circumcision (cleansing and covenant) – Colossians 2:11
14. Joy and rejoicing – 1 Peter 1:8